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These are our Bridge Officers and Committee Members for the new year. Let's give them all the help and support we can to build our squadron and fulfill our goals & expectations. We need YOU! Reach out and offer help when you can.

Executive & General Committees

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Gary Foster, P
Kathleen Foster, S
Christine Zahornacky
Greg Zahornacky, P
Tom Leitzel. P
P/C Paul Martines, JN

Finance/Audit Committee
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN
P/C Cheryl W. Martines, A

Nominating Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN
P/C Paul Martines, JN

Rules Committee
P/C Paul S. Martines, JN
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN

Executive Department

Boat Show Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN

Boating Safety Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP

Vessel Safety Check Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP

Commander's Department

Chaplain
Lt /C Gary Foster, P

Flag Lieutenant
P/C Don Roman, AP

Merit Mark Committee
Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

Public Relations Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP

Administrative Department

Meetings/Programs Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP

Membership Committee
Cdr. Paul S. Martines, JN

Operations Training
PC Will Benny, SN

Boating Activities Commitee
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN

Port Captain
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Educational Department

Assistant Education Officers
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P/C Don Roman, AP
P/D/C Tim Henke, SN-CN

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D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey
Christine Zahornacky

Public Contact
P/C Don Roman, AP

Ship's Store Committee Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

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COMMANDER
Jeff Wise, SN

Greetings from the Bridge.

Calling all Vessel Examiners: Our new shirts are here. I will give them to you when I see you. Our next trips to the islands for VSC's will be Saturday, August 1st and 8th. There is still a need and demand for our services, so let's get out there. We have done an outstanding job of getting our number of inspections up too... I think, an all-time record. If you would like to help with PR and lining up the inspections on the island, contact Sharon Neitzey. If you would like to join the team of inspectors please contact me for details.

We have decided on a date for the Conch House run in September to meet with the Jacksonville Club. The Conch House does not make reservations for any size group; however, they expect that the upstairs area of the main dining room for September 5th should be available. I will call at the end of August to remind them that we are coming so they will have ample staff. That is Saturday of Labor Day weekend. If you plan on attending please contact me by August 20th.

You will see in Don Roman's Admin Officer report, we are having a casual dinner at River Deck in New Smyrna Beach on August 20. See page 5 for details. River Deck is the last informal dinner this year, so don't miss it. We will return to our regular Thursday meetings at Red Lobster Daytona on September 17 and resume the Lucky Star drawings with $50 up for grabs. I would like to encourage new members to be at the September meeting to receive your membership packet and name tags, etc.

Looking ahead, we have the Daytona Boat Show on Friday, Sept. 18 (10-7), Saturday, Sept. 19 (10-7) and Sunday, Sept. 20 (10-5). Don Roman works really hard on this and needs some help. Please try to set aside some time to help Don by working shifts and with scheduling, setup and takedown. This is a very important activity for our squadron and lots of fun! We need your support!

I noticed, looking at our member educational grades, that we have many members that have not taken advantage of our educational offerings. Please consider how you can expand your boating knowledge and think about what class you would like to see available in the fall. Check the Education Report on page 5 for many options.

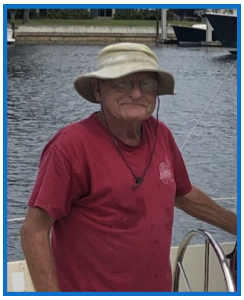
Please be prepared and have a plan for Hurricane readiness. Stay Safe!

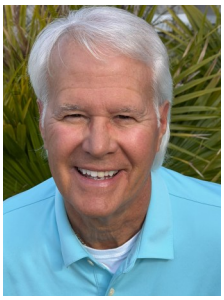
God bless us all, and 'til next time, Happy Sails to You!

Respectfully Submitted: Commander Jeff Wise, SN

Education Officers

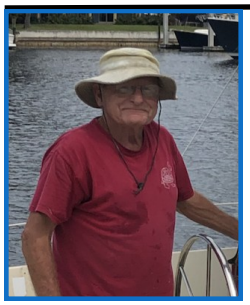
SEO P/C Will Benny, SN
ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP
ASEO Tom Leitzel, P





Assistant Education Officer PC/Don Roman, AP, reports that our Instructor Recertification is complete. Marine Radar starts up again 25 August at HRYC. The ABC3 Safety Course is scheduled for September 26 and October 3. Either Seamanship or Navigation can be scheduled to start in October or November. Seamanship is a series of 8-10 classes. Marine Navigation takes 9-10 classes. If interested in either course (or others), or if you can help with the classes, please let Don Roman know: text, voicemail, email, at 386-453-6456 or andanteroman@mac.com.

Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP



Administrative Officer

P/C Don Roman, AP

Administrative Officer P/C Don Roman, AP, reports on our upcoming events:

August 10 - Monday, Dinner from 5-8 p.m.at McKenna's, Port Orange, with a raffle basket to mark the beginning of fall football/sports. If you have something to donate to the basket, please let Sharon Neitzey know. Thank you to Becky Roman for creating the basket, and to all who donated. Come and bring your friends!

August 13-Thursday evening Executive Committee meeting is at HRYC starting at 7 p.m. Any member is welcome to attend. Come and help plan squadron events, and share ideas for the future!

August 20 - Thursday night our Squadron will be at "River Deck," 111 N. Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, starting at 6PM. Their Happy Hour ends at 6, so you might want to come a bit earlier to enjoy a drink before dinner. This is our last "informal" summer dinner get-together. See you at this NSB landmark restaurant. RSVP to Don by August 18.

September is shaping up to be a very busy month. Summer **Photo Contest photos** need to be submitted to Don Roman NO LATER THAN our September Dinner at Red Lobster, 17 September. **Daytona Boat Show** is September18-20 at the Ocean Center. We'll need volunteers to man our booth. It's a great opportunity to showcase our organization and all the good things we do. If you think you can help man our booth on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, please let Don Roman know. Show schedule details will be coming soon. **NOTE: Don would also welcome help with set-up and scheduling workers for the event. Contact him if you can help**

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Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP

Treasurer
Lt/C Luc Labreche

Our Treasury is strong and all bills are paid.

Use the code below when you want to use Zelle for payments to our Daytona Squadron.

Code for funds to our squadron. ➡ The code is case-sensitive, so capital letters and punctuation matter.

abcdb.usps@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted: L/C Luc Labreche

Secretary
L/C Sharon Neitzey

Please contact me (sneitzey@aol.com or 386-290-1243) with any corrections or questions regarding the current minutes or Beachcomber Newsletter. Also, let me know if you have photos or news that you feel should be included in our Beachcomber. Please send photos to Christine Zahornacky at gandczee@gmail.com. We will need all information and photos for the September edition of the Beachcomber by August 25.

Respectfully Submitted: L/C Sharon Neitzey

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our Membership Chair, P/C Paul Martines, JN, reports that we currently have 58 members at this time.

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United States Power Squadrons

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON SEPT. 5 11:30

CONCH HOUSE RESTAURANT, ST. AUGUSTINE

57 Comares Ave, St.Augustine, FL 32080 | 904.829.8646

Conch House Restaurant at Conch House Marina and Resort
September 5, 2026

Our squadron is planning an outing for lunch at the Conch House Restaurant in St. Augustine at 11:30 a.m. on September 5, 2026 (the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend). The restaurant is part of the Conch House Marina and Resort and is accessible by boat or by car. Please contact Commander Jeff Wise, (386) 453 0246, by August 20 if you plan to join us. We must give them an expected number of patrons so they can plan for our group. Some of our Jacksonville Squadron friends will likely be joining us as well. Come meet them!

You can check out the menu online. Just search: https://www.yelp.com/menu/the-conch-house-restaurant-saint-augustine

DISTRICT 23 NEWS

Our squadron is planning an outing to the Conch House Restaurant in St. Augustine on September 5, 2026 (the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend). We have invited members of the Jacksonville Squadron to join us. They are working on adjusting their activities to be available that day.

DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE

In other news, the District 23 Fall Conference is scheduled for the weekend of October 17 and 18 and will be hosted by the Cocoa Squadron. The following is a letter from Cocoa Commander, Sandy Schoonmaker, SN.

District 23 Members,

ABC Cocoa Beach is inviting you to attend the Fall Conference in our beautiful coastal community. We encourage you to mark your calendars to save the date. Please note there is a deadline for the hotel. The rooms that have been set aside all face Port Canaveral, providing a gorgeous view of the numerous cruise ships.

Early reservations are welcome.

Hope to see you in October.

Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

Attachments with information on the D23 Conference are on the following three pages.

Let's have a good turnout from our Daytona Beach Squadron to support D23!

Friday Night: October16, 2026

ISLAND TIME

Dolphins Waterfront Bar and Grill at Cape Crossing
310 Lagoon Way
Merritt Island, Florida

Put on your Hawaiian shirts and enjoy a buffet dinner with live music.

Cost: $35.00/per person
Reservations Required

5:30-6:30 Cash Bar
6:30 Dinner

Saturday: October 17, 2026

D23 FALL CONFERENCE

Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach

Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway
Merritt Island, Florida, 3295
Gray Hall Conference Room

Morning Registration:

- 8:00 AM: Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

D23 Council

- 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

N Club

- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

12:00 Noon Lunch:

BBQ Buffet: $24.00/person: Reservations Required

Fall Conference Meeting:

- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

D23 Fall Conference
October 16-17, 2026
Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach

Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites
9009 Astronaut Blvd – Off North Atlantic Avenue
Cape Canaveral, Florida
Free Breakfast and Free Parking
A block of rooms at guaranteed rate until noon September 16, 2026
Rate $171.00 + Tax
For reservations call: 321-784-8500
Group Name: America's Boating Club

Optional Saturday Activities

Lighthouse Cove Miniature Golf
3811 N Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach

Enjoy 18 holes ($16 or Sr Rate $13) ; then walk next door to browse Ron Jon's Surf Shop
OR

Free tour of Brevard Veteran's Memorial Museum

Found at the site of the D23 Conference
Plan an hour for this museum of military history from the Revolutionary War to the Viet Nam Conflict. P/C Jay Longway will guide you through the museum. (sign up at registration)

D23 Fall Conference
October 16-17, 2026
Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach
Meal Reservation Form
Deadline: October 9, 2026

Name:_____

Email:_____**Phone:**_____

ABC Club:_____

Friday: October 16, 2026
Island Time at Dolphin's Waterfront Bar and Grill
Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar
Menu will include a variety of appetizers, salmon, Polynesian chicken, Hawaiian pork, and several vegetable choices.

Cost: $35.00 X number of meals_____= _____

Saturday: October 17, 2026
Menu: BBQ Buffet: Pulled pork, grilled chicken, baked beans, green beans, potato salad, rolls, condiments, iced tea, lemonade and dessert

Cost: $24.00 X number of meals _____ =_____

Total enclosed: _____

Checks payable to: CBSPS
Mail to: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach
PO Box 540651
Merritt Island, FL 32954-0651

HAPPY August BIRTHDAYS

Marlene Malcolm Barbara Zapata

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday dear squadron members.

Happy birthday to YOU!!!

Lucky Star

Lucky Star Winner .

WE DON'T HAVEA LUCKY STAR DRAWING AT OUR INFORMAL SUMMER DINNERS. THE NEXT DRAWING WILL ROLL BACK TO $50 AND WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE. THERE IS NO COST! DON'T MISS OUT!

BUT REMEMBER… you must be present to win!

See you there.

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Go to the National Website to find out!
The Link has changed.

Login at : https://portal.americasboatingclub.org/ Select "About" then "My Member Benefits"

*You will need your membership number (on your membership card) to Log In.

This section of the National Website has been redone. There are options for discounts on meds, hotels, UPS, boat insurance, office supplies, and many more. Check it out!

Your certificate # is your key to unlocking great savings. New benefits are added frequently so be sure to check back often!

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Our examiners are trained and ready to perform these valuable exams for the boat owner's benefit. Unlike the FL Sheriff, FWC, or USCG that conduct law enforcement boardings," our Vessel Safety Checks are simply intended to help you meet USCG requirements.

The Decals indicate to all that you are a concerned, conscientious boater who ensures your boat is ready, safe, with required equipment.

To schedule a Vessel Safety Check, you can contact one of our Vessel Examiners:

Will Benny	386-265-5180	New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater
Tim Henke	352-483-6000	Lake Marion/Seminole Co
Paul Martines	386-265-5180	Daytona Beach/Holly Hill
Tom Leitzel	704-591-6558	New Smyrna Beach/Port Orange
Ron Radford	515-236-8206	Palm Coast/Flagler
Don Roman	386-453-6456	Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach
Jeff Wise	386-299-4536	Daytona Beach/Port Orange
John Demaye	724-462-5330	Daytona Beach/Port Orange

We will meet you at your home, boat ramp, boat storage, or a parking lot convenient for you. Call and arrange your VSC: 386-453-6456 or any of the above numbers.

Display of numbers Registration/Documentation Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) Backfire Flame Control Pollution Placard Navigation Rules Fire Extinguishers Sound Producing Device MAR POL Trash Placards Navigation Lights Ventilation Visual Distress Signals (VDS) Engine Cutoff Switch (ECS) Overall Condition Trash Management Plan. Note: Requirements vary by Boat's Class

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We are always looking for new MEMBER SPONSORS for our worthy organization. It is time to renew. Squadron Members who wish to appear on our Sponsor Page should give your $20 donation to our treasurer, Luc LaBreche. Thank you for your support.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS...

As the editors of this newsletter,
we welcome your input on articles in the newsletter
or suggestions for materials that you would like to see
included in future issues.

This newsletter is one of the primary tools used by the squadron to communicate with its members.

Please review the articles and meeting flyers included and join us for classes and events announced.

Each of us can play an important role in the success of our squadron. Please feel free to contact us or e-mail us.

Sharon Neitzey and Christine Zahornacky

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Please submit any information or photos for the

September Publication to us by ***August 25.***

Send info to Sharon Neitzey and photos to Christine Zahornacky.

****Members please note that .pdf files submitted to the editors are not grammatically correctable.*

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Photos should be in .jpeg format.

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